

nominations of Lieutenant General Tommy R. Franks, USA for appointment to the grade of General and to be commander-in-chief, United States Central Command and Lieutenant General William F. Kernan, USA for appointment to the grade of General and to be commander-in-chief, United States Joint Forces Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 11:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of Lieutenant General Tommy R. Franks, USA for appointment to the grade of General and to be commander-in-chief, United States Central Command and Lieutenant General William F. Kernan, USA for appointment to the grade of General and to be commander-in-chief, United States Joint Forces Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 2:15 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Reprocessing of Single Use Medical Devices during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 2 p.m., in Hart 216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., to receive testimony on

the operations of the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the April 2000 GAO Report entitled "Nuclear Waste Cleanup—DOE's Paducah Plan Faces Uncertainties and Excludes Costly Cleanup Activities."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Andrew Scott and Tracy Harris of my office have floor privileges for the remainder of the consideration of this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Paul Tibbits, be granted floor privileges during the debate on the pending bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline Chang, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2801

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2801 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2801) to prohibit funding of the negotiation of the move of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States until the Secretary of State has required the divestiture of property purchased by the Xinhua News Agency in violation of the Foreign Missions Act.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TIGERS ON WINNING THE 2000 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consider-

ation of S. Res. 328, introduced earlier today by Senators LANDRIEU and BREAUX.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 328) to commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University Tigers on winning the 2000 College World Series.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I congratulate the Louisiana State University Tigers on winning the 2000 College World Series. The Tigers finished the 2000 season with a regular season record of 46 and 12 and a perfect post season record of 13 and 0. Even though the Tigers enjoyed great success in both the regular and post seasons, winning the national title was no easy feat. Despite their stunning success in earlier post season games, the Tigers found themselves trailing the Stanford Cardinal 5 to 2 in the eighth inning of the final game of the world series. Through sheer will and determination the Tigers were able to come from behind with a single by Tiger catcher Brad Cresse, which brought Ryan Theriot home for the game winning run. LSU's thrilling victory enraptured loving fans throughout Louisiana.

This final victory was the culmination of a season's worth of persistence and hard work which has characterized their performance throughout the decade. To date, the Tigers have won five national titles but have refused to rest on their laurels. LSU's team batting average of .341 this season is a truly commendable achievement. Senior catcher Brad Cresse distinguished himself by hitting 30 home runs over the course of the season. Senior pitcher Trey Hodges earned the Most Outstanding Player Award of the College World Series by exhibiting the same discipline and skill that carried him through the year. The guiding hand for the Tiger's winning season, LSU coach Skip Bertman, continually instilled in his players a sense of dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Coach Bertman's tireless efforts were recognized when he was awarded the National Coach of the Year Award by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. The accomplishments of these heroes of college baseball will certainly serve as the standard for generations to come.

Louisiana State University's national championship spotlights one of the Nation's premier State universities, which is committed to academic and athletic excellence.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 328) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 328

Whereas the Louisiana State University baseball team completed the year with 13 consecutive wins, with a record of 4-0 in the Southeastern Conference tournament, 3-0 in Subregional action, 2-0 in Super Regional contests and 4-0 in the College World Series, ending its exciting season by defeating the previously undefeated Stanford Cardinal 6-5 on June 17, 2000, in Omaha, Nebraska, to win its fifth national championship in 10 years;

Whereas Louisiana State University firmly established itself as the dominant college baseball team of the decade, winning the College World Series title in 1991, 1993, 1996, and 1997;

Whereas Louisiana State University finished with a regular season record of 46-12 and a team batting average of .341;

Whereas Louisiana State University's senior catcher, Brad Cresce, distinguished himself in the championship game and throughout the season as one of the premier players in all of college baseball, leading the nation by hitting a total of 30 home runs in 2000;

Whereas Louisiana State University's senior right-handed pitcher, Trey Hodges, who earned the Most Outstanding Player Award of the College World Series, gave up just 2 hits and 1 walk in 4 innings while striking out 4 batters in his second victory of the College World Series, personifying the persistence and competitiveness that carried Louisiana State University throughout the year;

Whereas Louisiana State University's coach, Skip Bertman, named The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's National Coach of The Year, has never allowed the Tigers to lose a College World Series championship game;

Whereas Coach Skip Bertman has instilled in his players unceasing dedication and teamwork, and has inspired in the rest of us an appreciation for what it means to win with dignity, integrity, and true sportsmanship;

Whereas Louisiana State University's thrilling victory in the College World Series championship game enraptured their loyal and loving fans from Baton Rouge to Shreveport, taking "Tigermania" to new heights and filling the people of Louisiana with an overwhelming sense of pride, honor, and community; and

Whereas Louisiana State University's national championship spotlights one of the nation's premier State universities, which is committed to academic and athletic excellence; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE 2000 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Senate commends and congratulates the Tigers of Louisiana State University on winning the 2000 College World Series championship.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the chancellor of the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLICY OF INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 611, S. Res. 277.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 277) commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Policy of Indian Self-Determination.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 277) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 277

Whereas the United States of America and the sovereign Indian Tribes contained within its boundaries have had a long and mutually beneficial relationship since the beginning of the Republic;

Whereas the United States has recognized this special legal and political relationship and its trust responsibility to the Indian Tribes as reflected in the Federal Constitution, treaties, numerous court decisions, federal statutes, executive orders, and course of dealing;

Whereas Federal policy toward the Indian Tribes has vacillated through history and often failed to uphold the government-to-government relationship that has endured for more than 200 years;

Whereas these Federal policies included the wholesale removal of Indian tribes and their members from their aboriginal homelands, attempts to assimilate Indian people into the general culture, as well as the termination of the legal and political relationship between the United States and the Indian tribes;

Whereas President Richard M. Nixon, in his "Special Message to Congress on Indian Affairs" on July 8, 1970, recognized that the Indian Tribes constitute a distinct and valuable segment of the American federalist system, whose members have made significant contributions to the United States and to American culture;

Whereas President Nixon determined that Indian Tribes, as local governments, are best able to discern the needs of their people and are best situated to determine the direction of their political and economic futures;

Whereas in his "Special Message" President Nixon recognized that the policies of legal and political termination on the one hand, and paternalism and excessive dependence on the other, devastated the political, economic, and social aspects of life in Indian America, and had to be radically altered;

Whereas in his "Special Message" President Nixon set forth the foundation for a new, more enlightened Federal Indian policy grounded in economic self-reliance and political self-determination; and

Whereas this Indian self-determination policy has endured as the most successful policy of the United States in dealing with the Indian Tribes because it rejects the failed policies of termination and paternalism and declared that "the integrity and right to continued existence of all Indian

Tribal and Alaska native governments, recognizing that cultural pluralism is a source of national strength": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States recognizes the unique role of the Indian Tribes and their members in the United States, and commemorates the vision and leadership of President Nixon, and every succeeding President, in fostering the policy of Indian Self-Determination.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, turning to the Executive Calendar, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:

Executive Calendar Nos. 544, 545, 546, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 564, the nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Coast Guard and, finally, all the military nominations reported by the Armed Services Committee during today's session.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas J. Motley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John McAdam Mott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years. (New Position)

Robert W. Baker, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years. (New Position)

Geoffrey T. Crowley, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position)

Robert A. Davis, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position)

Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year. (New Position)

Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Christopher A. McLean, of Nebraska, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, vice Wally B. Bayer.